Joint service centres for servicing of MIG aircrafts

1369. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a proposal from the Russian MIG manufacturers MIG-MAPO for setting up of joint service centres for all varieties of MIG aircraft as reported in the "Economic Times" dated the 21st January, 1994;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India have already developed its own capacity for producing spares and servicing this range of aircraft;

(c) if so, what are the considerations that weigh in favour of a joint venture with Russians; and

(d) what decision has been taken on the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) A proposal is under consideration for a joint venture between Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. and some Russian entities. It will undertake collaborative activities, particularly warehousing in India of aviation spares and product support for aircraft of Russian origin, for sale as and when required. That should supplement our other arrangements for maintaining supply of spares and product support, namely, our direct acquisition from production agencies in Russia and indigenous productions of spares. The framework of the joint venture has been prepared by mutual consultation.

Stagnation in service career

1370. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Cadres where there is grave stagnation;

(b) the steps taken to remove the stagnation;

(c) whether the third pay commission had recommended three promotions in the service career of an employees;

(d) if so, whether that recommendation is being enforced in his Ministry and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken to enforce that recommendation forthwith;

(f) whether promotion to incumbents in the same grade rendering more than eight years, service are still to be promoted; and

(g) if so, the steps taken to promote them and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Stagnation in cadres/posts is not peculiar to Defence where there are multitude of cadres/posts. Employees belonging to some grades in cadres/posts especially in Group 'C' & 'D' do not get periodic promotion to the higher grades even after fulfilling the conditions for promotion due to lack of sufficient vacancies in higher grades or lack of promotional avenues. However, a career advancement scheme has been introduced whereby Group 'C' & 'D' Defence civilians are eligible for *in situ* promotion even without availability of regular vacancies to the next higher grade on fulfilling the conditions prescribed in Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 10(1)/E.III/88 dated 13-9-91 as amplified from time to time. Defence civilians drawing pay in scales not exceeding Rs. 6700 are also eligible for grant of stagnation increment on completion of every two years at the maximum of the respective scales subject to a maximum of three. In addition, cadre reviews are undertaken wherever the cadre controlling authorities fulfil the conditions prescribed for processing of cadre reviews.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) In situ promotions to Group 'C' and 'D' employees and stagnation increments wherever admissible in terms of aforesaid orders are being given. Promotions as per Recruitment Rules can be made only on availability of regular vacancies in the higher grades.

Agitation by Superintendents and Junior Engineer of MES

1371. SHRI S. MUTHUMANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Superintendents and Junior Engineers working in MES have launched a countrywide agitation against